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**MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)**

**SUBJECT : Briefing of D/NRO on Nine-Plane concept for Project IDEALIST**

**REFERENCE : Memo for the Record, Dated 13 March 1963; Subject: "Telephone Conversation with Dr. McMillan Approximately 1345 Hours"**

1. In connection with the reference, I touched base with Leo Geary the morning of 15 March to see what arrangements could be made for getting Dr. McMillan's schedule so that he could get a proper briefing in the Control Center.

2. The afternoon of 15 March Colonel Geary called to say that he had discussed this with McMillan and the latter said he could not arrange it during the week of 17 March because of his crowded schedule but would plan to do so the week of 24 March. Colonel Geary and I agreed that because of the difficulty of getting McMillan for the two or three hours necessary to give him a full-scale OSA briefing on all NRO projects, we would shoot in the first meeting for discussion restricted to the IDEALIST nine-plane concept paper and then try to schedule a second briefing on the broader OSA responsibilities.

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